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SAFEKIDS

Objectives: What is This Program About?

- Ethics, personal responsibility, and privacy
- Internet awareness
- What do you do if....?

Why are We Concerned?

- Inappropriate material on-line
- Harassment, stalking, threats, and other scary things
- Your privacy is important!
- Exploring the Internet can be just as fun (or dangerous) as exploring a new land
- Just because criminals are on the Internet is no reason to stop “surfing”

PRIVACY
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
ETHICS

Privacy: What Information Should be Private?

- Your name
- Your telephone number
- Name of your school
- Where your school is
- Your grades
- How much money you have in the bank

Invasion of Computer Privacy

- Like being invisible
  - Call school computers from home and change information
  - Look at or change grades
  - Make computers stop working or put viruses in the system

Invasion of Computer Privacy

- Keep your information private when you are on-line
- Just as you can be invisible on the computer, others can be invisible too!
- Never put private or very personal information in e-mail
- Threatening or harassing someone by e-mail is against the law

Personal Responsibility: Thinking About a Home Page?

- Does everyone who puts a page on the Internet get stalked, harassed, or worse?
  - Of course not. Think about what you are doing before you make a mistake

Also…

- Before you put a home page on the web:
  - Think carefully about what you will include
  - Consider all the facts before posting photos

Personal Responsibility: Make Sure to Talk to Your Mom or Dad Before You …

- Give personal information, your name, home address, or phone number
- Agree to meet face to face with an Internet acquaintance
- Agree to keep a secret with someone on the Internet
- Send your picture

Personal Responsibility: Make Sure to Talk to Your Mom or Dad Before You …

- Respond to on-line offers
  - Be careful about people wanting to see you at home
- Respond to suggestive or mean messages
  - It’s better to just block or avoid them

Personal Responsibility

Remember … if you don't want everyone in the world knowing something about you, don't put it on the Internet

Ethics: How Kids Can Get (themselves) in Trouble

- Making copies of software without paying for it
- Making false documents, such as driver's licenses, on home computers
- Taking credit for another's work
- Using your parents' (or someone else's) credit cards without permission
- Computer intrusions (hacking)

Ethics: Software Piracy

- **Freeware:** copyrighted. Can be distributed without advance payment, but a donation is requested if used
- **Shareware:** copyrighted. Can be distributed without advance payment, but there is an expectation of payment if used
- **Licensed Software:** copyrighted. Expectation of payment prior to use
- **Public Domain:** not copyrighted. Can be copied and distributed freely

Ethics: Software Piracy

Bottom Line?

If it costs money to get and you take it without paying for it, it's stealing and it against the law

INTERNET AWARENESS

Viruses

- Always check for viruses before executing programs downloaded from the Internet
- Don’t put software on your computer of you don’t know where it came from
  - Download files to a disk and scan them BEFORE you look at them

Chat Rooms

- They are areas where people can “meet” on-line and exchange information, ideas, and conversation
- As the cost of participation, some sites require kids to provide information such as name, address, e-mail, and information on family & friends and likes/dislikes
- There are some chat rooms where people can talk “anonymously” and say what they choose …

Information on the Internet: Fact or Fiction?

- Remember, just because something is on the Internet does not make it true!
- You should always check information found on the Internet, especially if you're researching topics that will affect you personally, such as: sex, drugs, contraception and health concerns

Consider the Source: Some Web Sites are More Reliable Than Others

- Cool Facts: great web sites
  - Examples: Smithsonian, US Navy, NASA
- Urban Legends: stories, fiction, someone's creativity or imagination
  - Example[1]: An unruly cow is pushed out of an airplane over the ocean and sinks a Japanese freighter.
  - Example[2]: A horrified housewife discovers that the crispy chicken she bit into is really a batter-fried rat.

1&2: http://urbanlegends.about.com

WHAT DO YOU DO IF…?

What if You Get Something Unpleasant Over the Net?

- Unpleasant could mean …
  - A threatening e-mail
  - Gross or disgusting pictures
  - Plans or discussions of violence in a school or neighborhood

Also …

- Do not forward to other people or reply to e-mails that ask you questions like:
  - Full name? Nicknames? DOB? Hair color? Eye color? Personality? Siblings? Best Friends? Favorite sport? Etc…
- If you get an e-mail like this …
  - DON’T answer it
  - DON’T forward it
  - DO send it to us at **safekids@ncis.navy.mil**

What Should You Do?

- Tell your Mom, Dad, teacher, or another responsible adult right away
- Don’t delete anything that came from the person who sent it to you
- Send us an e-mail at the address below
  - ***Make sure to tell us who you are, where you are, and what the problem is.***

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What Will We Do?

- We will read your e-mail and …
  - Let you know that we got it
  - Forward it to the right people where you live

Remember, be safe on-line!